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A Summit Company

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Dear Mr. Buhler:

I am extremely pleased to announce today that our holding company, Summit Environmental Group, Inc., has signed a Definitive Agreement to merge with the Earth Technology Corporation, a geotechnical and environmental consulting firm headquartered in Long Beach, California. Founded in 1970 as a geotechnical consulting firm, Earth Technology has grown to be a \$63 million (revenue) firm with over 470 employees in 17 offices. We consider them to be one of the preeminent geotechnical/environmental firms in the world with extraordinary background and assignments in: large public works projects; complex seismic zone design support; hazardous waste assessment, remediation; environmental permitting; complex siting; and water management. As an example, they are currently finishing up the largest soils bioremediation project ever undertaken in the United States. Their computerized U.S. GIS database is most likely the finest available anywhere.

Combined with Summit's approximately 1,000 employees, 15 offices, and full services in environmental sciences and engineering, laboratory services, infrastructure, facilities engineering, construction management, and operations and maintenance, we will be a well-balanced, 1500-person national consulting and engineering firm. Our combined revenues will be in excess of \$150 million and we will rank in the Engineering News Record (ENR) Top 50 engineering firms and in the top 25 firms in the nation that provide environmental services to both the public and private sectors. Our Air Science and Engineering Program, alone, will bring together over 80 professionals actively engaged in testing, complex modeling and permitting, and design engineering for clients around the world.

This is a significant and exciting merger because both parties bring unique and complementary skills to the market place. The combination of these skills will offer powerful synergies and solutions to our many customers.

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We're extremely proud of the fact that our practice here at WW Engineering & Science has been in continuous existence since 1924. This is not the end of a 70-year organization, but a new beginning - one that will permit us to continue to provide the best services available to our clients while expanding our capabilities both geographically and professionally. As we move toward the 21st century, it has become very clear that the old ways of doing business are not good enough. Effective, competitive, professional partnerships will become absolutely critical to the survival of public and private institutions everywhere. Through the financial and professional power of this organization, we will be eager to focus on:

- bringing world class technologies and solutions from around the globe to the problems facing our customers;
- developing and helping to negotiate multi-media and flexible environmental permitting for our customers;
- truly partnering with our many clients through on-line communications and finance as they continue to out source more and more engineering services; and
- helping industries in the NAFTA region re-engineer facilities to meet global productivity challenges.

As a very valued customer of WW Engineering & Science, we wanted you to know about this merger at the earliest possible moment. We look forward to receiving your comments, and additionally, to the prospect of enhancing our fine relationship.

Sincerely,

WW ENGINEERING & SCIENCE, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bijan S. Saless".

Bijan S. Saless, P.E.  
President